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INFO USCINCSO

C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTO DOMINGO 2389

FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MORG, DR
SUBJECT: PROPOSED CARIBBEAN AREA COASTAL SURVEILLANCE EXERCISE

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 2055

1. CHMAAG HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL USCINCSO MESSAGE
(062211Z MAY 77) ON SUBJECT:

QUOTE A. MY 272017Z APR 77.

"1. (U) REFERENCE MESSAGE REQUESTED YOUR ASSESSMENT,
COMMENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS, AS WELL AS ANY POLITICAL CON-
STRAINTS, CONCERNING HC PARTICIPATION IN SUBJENP EXERCISE.

"2. (C/NFD) IT IS EMPHASIZED THUB THE REQUEST WAS LONG
RANGE AND EXPLORATORY IN NATURE, SEEKING INFORMATION ON WHICH
TO BASE A DECISIONSDS TO THE FEASIBILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF
CONDUCTING SUCH AN EXERCISE. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE LENGTH
OF THE PLANNING, PROGRAMMING AND BUDGETING PROCESS WOULD
DELAY ANY POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION TO FY 79 AT THE EARLIEST.
U.S. AMBASSADOR'S CONCURRENCE WOULD BE REQUIRED IN EACH HC,
BEFORE PLANNING COULD CONTINUE.

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"3. (C/NFD) THE CLASSIFIED PORTION OF REFERENCE
MESSAGE (PARA 1) IS NOT, REPEAT NOT, RELEASABLE TO HC
OFFICIALS. UNQUOTE.

2. SINCE LATEST USCINCSO MESSAGE DOES NOT RESCIND EARLIER
INSTRUCTION TO CHMAAG TO "DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF YOUR HOST

COUNTRY'S INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN SUCH A COMBINED EXERCISE ('MINI-UNITAS')," MY INSTRUCTION TO CHMAAG REPORTED REFTEL REMAINS EXTANT, IN THE ABSENCE OF CONTRARY INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

3. PROPOSED EXERCISE HAS IMPORTANT IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S., CUBAPBAND CARIBBEAN POLICH AS WELL AS FOR POLITICAL/MILITARY POLICY, MATTERS OF PRIMARY CONCERN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. RAISING THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH AN EXERCISE (WHETHER IMMINENT OR LONG RANGE) WITH HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS INESCAPABLY MANIFESTS A U.S. POSTURE TOWARD CUBA AND THE CARIBBEAN THAT SHOULD BE GIVEN PRIOR CAREFUL THOUGHT. THERE IS ALSO THE RISK OF PREMATURE PUBLICITY THAT COULD EMBARRASS THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS WITH CUBA.

4. FOR THESE REASONS, THERE WILL BE NO, REPEAT NO, CONTACT WITH DOMINICAN OFFICIALS ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE ABSENCE OF INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CONTRARY. FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT, IT WOULD SEEM INCUMBENT UPON THE DEPARTMENT TO ADOPT A POLICY WITH RESPECT TO THE USCINCSO PROJECTED EXERCISE AND INFORM APPROPRIATE POSTS, INCLUDING USCINCSO, OF ITS VIEWS.
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